GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:115
ANSWERED ON:09.12.2003
MEDIUM OF UPSC EXAMINATION
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Will the Minister of PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the English knowing candidates have an edge over the Hindi knowing candidates in UPSC examinations;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) the examinations in which Hindi and English are compulsory;

(d) the reasons for not allowing option for using Hindi language in all examinations conducted by UPSC ; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government in this regards?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSO PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS.(SHRI HARIN PATHAK)

(a)to(e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 115(15TH POSITION) BY DR. M.P. JAISWAL AND SHIVAJI MANE FOR ANSWER ON 09-12-2003.

(a)&(b): It has been reported by the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) that all the candidates appearing in examinations conducted by them are treated in just and equitable manner. Examinations are conducted in accordance with the rules of examination as notified by the concerned Ministries/Departments of the Government of India. These rules contain, inter-alia, the conditions of eligibility including the scheme and syllabi for the examinations and option of writing the answers, if available. Candidates from all over the country appear in the competitive examinations conducted by the Commission. The schemes of examinations are meticulously designed to rule out any possibility of discrimination against candidates from any region/language. There is no edge to English knowing candidates over the Hindi knowing candidates in the examinations conducted by the UPSC.

(c): There is no open competitive examination of the Commission where Hindi is compulsory. A Statement indicating the examinations in which there is a compulsory paper or part of the paper on English/General English is enclosed (Annexure).

(d)&(e): The question of introduction of Hindi and other languages included in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution as medium of various examinations conducted by the Union Public Service Commission was considered by the Dr. Satish Chandra Committee appointed by the UPSC. Efforts are being made to arrive at a consensus on this sensitive issue, keeping in view the recommendations of the Committee.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE TO THE STATEMENT IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION No.115 FOR 9-12-2003

(A) Examinations in which there is a paper or part of paper on English/General English

S.No.	Name of Examination	Percentage of marks assigned for English paper vis-a-vis total marks for written examination.		Type of paper	Standard	Remarks
		Perce-ntage in English	Marks written			
1.	Civil Services (Main) Examination.	Paper of qualifying nature only; marks obtained in this paper not being counted	Total marks	Conventional	Matriculation	There is also a paper on one of the Indian languages of the same

for ranking.				standard and of qualifying nature.		
2. Indian Forest Service Examination.	21.4%	300	1400	Conventional	Science or Engineering Graduate.	
3. Engineering Services Examination.	10%	100	1000	Objective	Engineering/ Science Graduate	This paper is a part of paper on General Ability Test.
4. Indian Economic Service /Indian Statistical Examination	10%	100	1000	Objective	Graduate	
5. Geologists` Exam.	14.3%	100	700	Objective	Science Graduate.	
6. Combined Defence Services Exam.						
(a) For IMA/AFA/NA	33.3%	100	300	Objective	Graduate	
(b) For OTA.	50%	100	200	Objective	Graduate	
7. NDA and Naval Academy Examination.	22.2%	200	900	Objective	Intermediate	This paper is a part of paper on General Ability Test.
8. Special Class Railway Apprentices` Exam.	16.7%	100	600	Objective	Intermediate	
9. Central Police Forces Examination	22.5%	90	400	Conventional	Graduation	

(B) Direct Recruitment Examinations in which there is no paper on English.

1. Civil Services (Preliminary) Examination.

2. Combined Medical Services Examination.